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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of April 26, 2002 has been received and both the Examiner's comments and references cited carefully considered. In response to the Action, base claims 1, 6, 13 and 19 have been amended to more clearly define applicant's invention and to distinguish the prior art.

Now recited in claim 1 is a spring clip for fixing a guide to a rectilinear edge of a hole in a panel and with the guide defining a guide surface lying parallel to the edge. The recited guide is not disclosed nor suggested by Carney et al.

Claim 2 has been cancelled and dependent claims 3 – 5 and 20 – 26 recite further patentably distinct features of applicant's invention not disclosed by the prior art.

Recited in base claim 6 is a guide having a guide surface which projects through a hole in a panel between a line of tangency and an edge of the hole so as to prevent contact between routed cables and the edge. Such a structure is not disclosed nor suggested by Carney et al whose butt against openings in panels.

Claims 7 – 10 recite other patentably distinct features of applicant's invention not shown by the prior art.

Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

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Base claim 13 recites a cable guide including primary means for fixing the guide to a panel with a curved guide surface having an axis of curvature in a plane parallel to the panel and a secondary means for alternately fixing the guide with the axis of curvature normal to panel. Such a recited guide is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art taken individually or in any obvious combination.

Claims 14 – 16 are dependent on claim 13 and recite further patentably distinct features of applicant's invention not shown by the prior art.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled and claim 19 which was indicated to have patentable subject matter has been amended to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response to the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), applicant has submitted for the approval of the Examiner suggested changes indicated in red.

As required by the Examiner, applicant has submitted a new title and abstract which are more indicative of the invention.

All original claims remaining in the application have been amended to obviate rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and the specification has been amended as required by the Examiner in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.75(d).

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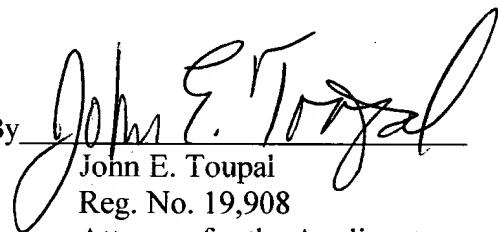
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the title, specification, claims, abstract, and drawings by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant now believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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